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In the Matter of)
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CAP ROCK TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, INC.)
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Petition to Change the LATA Association)
of the Turkey and Quitaque, Texas)
Exchanges from the Amarillo, Texas)
LATA to the Lubbock, Texas LATA)

CC Docket No. 96-158
NSD-L-96-2

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REPLY COMMENTS
OF CAP ROCK TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, INC.

Cap Rock Telephone Cooperative, Inc. ("Cap Rock"), through counsel, hereby files these Reply Comments in response to the Commission's Public Notice issued in the above-captioned proceeding.¹ The Commission's Public Notice sought comment on Cap Rock's May 17, 1996 Request for Expedited Action ("Request") to change the LATA association of the Turkey and Quitaque, Texas exchanges from the Amarillo, Texas LATA (546) to the Lubbock, Texas LATA (544). In its Request, Cap Rock set forth all pertinent information concerning the proposed LATA reassociation, including a streamlined procedure both for notifying all affected carriers and for filing any objection to the proposed LATA change. Moreover, on June 18, 1996, Cap Rock notified the Commission that it had received no objections to its Request and again sought expedited relief.

The only commenting party, the National Telephone Cooperative Association ("NTCA"), filed in support of Cap Rock's Request. NTCA notes "that the public interest would be served best by the

¹/ Public Notice, CC Docket No. 96-158, DA 96-1189, released July 26, 1996.

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Commission's expeditious approval of the requested LATA association change,"² and points out "that the Commission's decision to consider the LATA reassociation request via a notice and comment procedure unreasonably and unnecessarily delays the proposed service."³

Cap Rock has previously demonstrated that the LATA association change will serve the public interest by effecting operational efficiencies, allowing Cap Rock to provide high quality telecommunications service to approximately 591 subscribers in Turkey and Quitaque in a prudent manner, as explained within its Request. As demonstrated by the Request and further substantiated by the lack of any opposition to it, Cap Rock hereby respectfully submits that an expeditious approval of the requested LATA association change would serve the public interest.

Respectfully submitted,

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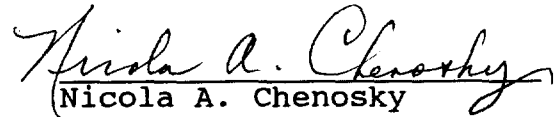
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²/ NTCA Comments at 4.

³/ Id. at 2.

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